SHORT NOTES.

The "Malingkote" in Borneo in June, 1891.

The "Malingkote" appears to have taken rise from the Sipulote country, the founder being a man named Tahang who dreamed during a severe illness that if certain ceremonies were gone through an angel would appear and if anything was asked for by the angel it must be given at once. If everything asked for was given then the parties would be empowered to see angels ("malikot") and would become invulnerable ("cabal"). They would also receive the power of raising the dead and would be given wings wherewith to fly to the sky.

Those who believed themselves to have been thus empowered, viz.: Tahang's people, went about the country spreading the belief and frightening the other villages into giving up property, &c., to them, stating that if they did not join in "malingkote" they would all be killed by thunder-bolts and their houses destroyed by a hurricane. During the "Malingkote" all fowls, cattle, pigs, and even dogs, &c., have to be destroyed. The people drink all day, and plant no padi, the idea being that when their wings have grown they will fly to the sky and live on the padi there.

One seed of padi planted there grows in ten days, has a never failing crop, and as soon as plucked has a fresh supply next day. The people did not stop at giving away their property, one man even gave away his wife, on condition that his wings should grow in seven days.

It is reported also that one man climbed up into a cocoanut-palm to fly, apparently under the impression that his wings would develope before he reached the ground. They did not do so, and his leg was broken by the fall.

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